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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/689,803 Sony Ref: S99P1530US01 Your Ref: 7254/60340-Z Our Ref: S688US01

Dear Mr. Maioh:

Thank you for your letter of June 23, 2005 regarding the above-referenced application.

Sony Corp. would like you to prepare and file a suitable response to the outstanding Office Action no later than September 8, 2005. If you have any queries or comments, do not hesitate to contact us.

We always appreciate your kind cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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